

MAR 24 2004

-- 12 Pages --

To: Daniel J. Davis, Group Art Unit 3731

**VIA FACSIMILE
(703) 872-9306**

OFFICIAL

March 24, 2004

Re: **Applicant(s):** Vargas, Jaime S.
Assignee: Cardica, Inc.
Title: Sutureless Closure and Deployment System for Connecting Blood Vessels
Serial No.: 09/664,588
Examiner: Daniel J. Davis **Filed:** September 18, 2000
Docket No.: 032405-016 **Group Art Unit:** 3731

Dear Examiner Baxter:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter; and
- (2) Response to Office Action.



No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| <u>Claims Remaining After Amendment</u> | | <u>Highest No. Previously Paid For</u> | | <u>Present Extra</u> | <u>Rate</u> | | <u>Additional Fee</u> | |
|--|----|--|----|--------------------------|-------------|--------|---------------------------|------|
| Total Claims | 39 | Minus | 41 | = | 0 | x \$9 | \$ | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | Minus | 3 | = | 0 | x \$43 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee of _____ for the first filing of one or more multiple dependent claims per application | | | | | | | \$ | |
| <u>Total additional fee for this Amendment:</u> | | | | | | | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed document(s) after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, an extension of time is hereby requested. | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge our Deposit Account No. 502108 in the amount of | | | | | | | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge any additional fees required and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 502108. | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Total: | |

Certificate of Transmission

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S Patent and Trademark Office (Fax No. (703) 872-9306) on March 24, 2004.

Brian Schar

~~Respectfully submitted,~~

Brian A. Schar
Attorney for Applicant(s)
(650) 331-7162
Reg. No. 45,076

MAR 24 2004

OFFICIAL**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Vargas, Jaime; et. al.
Assignee: Cardica, Inc.
Title: Sutureless Closure and Deployment System for Connecting Blood
Vessels
Serial No.: 09/664,588 Filing Date: September 18, 2000
Examiner: Daniel J. Davis Group Art Unit: 3731
Docket No.: 032405-016

March 24, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action of March 1, 2004.